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Ceramicist to Demonstrate Clay Hand-building Techniques at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Dec. 28, Suzy Hatcher, of Louisville, will demonstrate her handbuilding techniques with clay from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

In her home studio, Hatcher creates porcelain functional pottery on the wheel and more sculptural works with stoneware clay using hand-building techniques. She fires her work in both electric and gas kilns, adding soda to maintain bright, clear and subtle colors in her glazes. She creates works that are simple, yet gestural in nature and uses stamps and texture on her hand-built pieces to catch small pools of glaze depth and richness.

Hatcher is a member of the regional group *Louisville Clay* and is a juried member of the Kentucky Arts Council's Kentucky Craft Marketing Program. Her work can be found at numerous state parks and at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft as well as at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Hatcher was born and raised in Louisville. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from Hiram College in Ohio, and a master's degree in art from the University of Louisville, where she studied ceramics with Ginny Marsh.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Celebrating 10 years in 2013, the center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include, "Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans," through Feb. 22, 2014. The center lobby features an 18-foot Christmas tree decorated with sports-themed ornaments in University of Kentucky blue and University of Louisville red. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

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Studio potter Suzy Hatcher demonstrates handbuilding at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea